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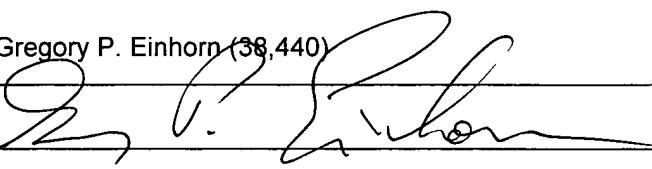
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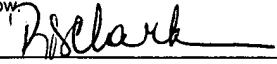
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
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Sir:

Responsive to the COMMUNICATION of January 15, 2004, and in further response to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the COMMUNICATION is initially due February 17, 2004 (February 15, 2004 is a Sunday, and, February 16, 2004, is a holiday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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